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Sri V. CHIDANANDAM :—" In view of the fact that the Harijans of Kurnool and Cuddapah are very poor and since the Hon. Minister also knows the conditions of those Harijans, may I suggest that the assistance may be prolonged by way of more subsidies? "

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I know the conditions, Sir, but unfortunately I cannot convince myself with regard to the successful functioning of the Societies."

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation was referring in his reply to some inherent difficulties in the leather and tanning business. May I know, Sir, what are those inherent difficulties? "

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—" There are so many inherent difficulties. If only the hon. Member could give me time, I would supply him with a detailed list. But, in the meanwhile, I may inform the hon. Member that the Director of Harijan Welfare has been deputed to study these difficulties and make a report. We are awaiting the report."

Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the Harijan Welfare Committee in 1948 recommended the giving of priority to Leather Co-operative Societies, will the Government consider the question of granting subsidies to such Societies wherever they are formed by the Harijans? "

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—" We are aware of the report and we have given suitable and adequate subsidies. If the hon. Member is not able to convince himself with regard to the adequacy of these subsidies, I cannot help."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" In view of the fact that the trade is likely to flourish better in Rayalaseema because of the fact that a new life has been infused into it, will not the Hon. Minister now sanction the starting of Societies? "

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I may inform the hon. Member that Rajampet is in Rayalaseema area and there we cannot function successfully. But if the hon. Member refers to the future, I will certainly look into it."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the inherent difficulties of finding a market as explained by the Hon. Minister, why should not the Society open a Sales Emporium in Madras City entirely staffed by the ladies? "

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The matter is under consideration, Sir."

Jaggery Co-operative Societies in Anantapur district.

* 725 *Q.*—Sri T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state the number of jaggery co-operative societies formed in Anantapur district for the benefit of ex-toddy tappers and the number working in those societies?

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THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" The Doddaghatta Date Jaggery Production and Sale Society is the only Jaggery Production Society in the Anantapur district formed for the benefit of ex-toddy tappers and the number of its members was 24 on 31st December 1952."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" The report of the officers that inspected the Society was good and in view of that fact, will the Government consider extending the same concession to Penukonda taluk at least? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" Sir, the hon. Member assumes that the report was good. But the information available with the Government is rather otherwise."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to tell me, Sir, why in certain places date palm was allowed to be tapped for the manufacture of jaggery and why in other places it was not allowed in spite of guarantees given as required by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" In Andhra Desa, as far as my information, both official and non-official, goes, there is not much popularity for *neera* as people do not generally relish it and more so for the manufacture of jaggery especially from date palm."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are prepared to take the information from the hon. Members that this date palm jaggery is as popular in the Andhra area, as it is in Tamil Nad or any other area? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" That is a matter of opinion. Personally speaking, I have travelled in some parts of Andhra and I come to know that many people consider it *infra dig* to consume jaggery manufactured from date palm or from palmyrah."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" What is the average income per day that the ex-toddy tapper may get by manufacturing jaggery? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" Off-hand I am not in a position to answer because I have not got the correct average data. But from my knowledge I can say that the rate of income varies from district to district. For example, in Tirunelveli district the average income per day is Rs. 3."

SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI :—" Have the Government received any report regarding the Jaggery Co-operative Societies from the District Prohibition Committee, Anantapur, and, if so, what are its contents? "

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THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" Off-hand I am unable to give an answer. So far as I know, no report has been received from the District Prohibition Committee, Anantapur."

Government quarters for female nursing orderlies.

* 726 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state— 9-20 a.m.

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation to give residential quarters for the women employed as female nursing orderlies, etc.;

(*b*) how many midwife trainees there are in Government Women's Hospital, Kozhikode;

(*c*) how many are paid stipends; and

(*d*) whether they have residential quarters?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No.

(*b*) Thirty.

(*c*) Twenty.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" May I know why some only of the trainees are given stipends and not all the trainees? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The number of trainees to be given stipends is limited."

Accident Reserve Fund.

* 727 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state when the Accident Reserve Fund was constituted?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Accident Reserve Fund was constituted in the accounts of the Government Bus Services, Madras City, in the year 1947–48."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I know under what circumstances the Fund was constituted, how much amount is available in the Fund and how much of the amount was spent in the several accidents that took place? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" In G.O. Ms. No. 2681, Home, dated 14th July 1948 the Government directed that an Accident Reserve Fund should be constituted in the Provincial Accounts relating to the Government Bus Service. It was ordered that adjustments to the Accident Reserve Fund should be made on the basis of the premium payable for a comprehensive policy of insurance.

In G.O. Ms. No. 4119, Home, dated 8th November 1948, it was ordered that the contribution to the Accident Reserve Fund should be made at the following rates on the basis of